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SUBJECT: GOJ-TAPLINE MEETING

REF: BEIRUT 9595

1. SUMMARY: GOJ AND TAPLINE OFFICIALS MET AUGUST 2 TO DISCUSS GOJ OIL DEBT AND FUTURE DELIVERIES. TAPLINE PRESENTED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FO DELIVERIES TO JORDAN FROM OCTOBER 1970 THROUGH JUNE OF THIS YEAR. GOJ HAS SAUDI COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR DELIVERIES FROM APRIL 1975 ONWARD AND WILL STUDY COMPANY POSITION BEFORE APPROACHING SAG ON DEBT TO TAPLINE. GOJ STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND BACKUP SCHEDULES BEING AIRPOUCHED.

2. MEETING BETWEEN TAPLINE AND GOJ OFFICIALS HELD AS SCHEDULED AUGUST 2, GOJ REPRESENTED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE INDUSTRY AND TRADE, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL. TAPLINE DELEGATION HEADED BY ARAMCO COUNSEL AND INCLUDED ELASS, GRINION, DODGE  
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AND JORDAN MANAGER. DODGE INDICATED SITUATION REVIEWED IN

CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. COMPANY PRESENTED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR CRUDE DELIVIEIRES FROM OCT 1970 THROUGH JUNE 1975. OIL PRICE IN STATEMENT LOWER OF COST OR MARKET COMPUTED BY FORMULA APPROVED BY SAG WHICH ALLOWS COMPANY TO COVER COSTS BUT ALLOWS NO PROFIT. TOTAL GOJ DEBT IS AROUND \$95 MILLION, \$131.4 MILLION FOR DELIVERIES LESS TAPLINE FEED DUE GOJ. JORDANIAN OFFICIALS QUESTIONED INCLUDING PARTICIPATION COSTS IN PRICE CALCULATION.

3. DODGE INDICATED TAPLINE SHAREHOLDERS ANXIOUS FOR TOKEN OF GOOD FAITH. TAPLINE OFFICIALS NOTED GOL HAD AGREED TO PAY \$20 MILLION ON ACCOUNT AND HOPED GOJ WOULD OFFER SIMILAR AMOUNT WHICH WOULD NOT PREJUDICE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. GOJ MADE NO OFFER BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT.

4. AS REPORTED EARLIER, SAG AGREED TO HELP PAY FOR CRUDE DELIVERED AFTER APRIL 1975, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT CONCERNING GOJ DEBT TO TAPLINE. GOJ WILL STUDY COMPANY POSITION BEFORE APPROACHING SAUDIS AGAIN. NO DATE SET FOR NEXT GOJ TAPLINE MEETING BUT DODGE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF NEGOTIATIONS. LONG RUN VIABILITY OF PIPELINE STILL REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED. HOWEVER. PICKERING

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